

**HEXAVALENT CHROMIUM (Cr VI) BY COLORIMETRIC METHOD****SM 3500-Cr B-2009 (2011)**

*ADDITIONAL QC REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS METHOD: Certified or Accredited laboratories using this method are assessed to applicable requirements of SM 1020 and SM 3020.*

Facility Name: \_\_\_\_\_ VELAP ID \_\_\_\_\_

Assessor Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Analyst Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Inspection Date \_\_\_\_\_

Relevant Aspect of Standards	Method Reference	Y	N	N/A	Comments
<i>Records Examined:</i> SOP Number/ Revision/ Date _____ <i>Analyst:</i> _____ Sample ID: _____ Date of Sample Preparation: _____ Date of Analysis: _____					
<b>Hexavalent Chromium</b>					
1. For Chromium VI determination, were sample pH's adjusted to pH 9.3-9.7 using ammonium sulfate buffer solution, cooled to $\leq 6^{\circ}\text{C}$ , and analyzed within 28 days? ( <i>pH preservation unnecessary if samples are analyzed for Chromium VI within 24 hours.</i> )	40 CFR 136.3 Table II Footnotes 18, 20				
2. Were Chromium VI samples never diluted by more than 10% by sodium sulfate buffer?	3500-Cr B 4.b				
<b>Chromium</b>					
3. If total chromium was determined, was the sample acidified with $\text{HNO}_3$ upon collection to a pH < 2 and held for no longer than 6 months?	3500-Cr A 3 Intro 40 CFR 136.3 Table II				
4. If dissolved total chromium was determined, was the sample acidified to a pH < 2 with $\text{HNO}_3$ upon collection only after filtration through a 0.45 $\mu\text{m}$ filter?	3500-Cr A 3 Intro				
5. For determination of total chromium, were samples digested prior to analysis?	40 CFR 136 Table IB				
<b>Procedure</b>					
6. Was spectrophotometer used at 530 or 540 nm, or did filter photometer have a maximum transmittance at 530 or 540 nm?	3500-Cr B 2 a				

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7. Was glassware acid washed, never exposed to chromic acid?	3500-Cr B 2 b				
8. Was pH meter standardized and calibrated according the manufacturer's instructions?	3500-Cr B 2 c				
9. Were standards carried through the same preparations as samples?	3500-Cr B 4 a				
10. Were samples brought to room temperature prior to analysis?	3500-Cr B 4 c				
11. Were 0.25 mL (5 drops) of H <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> added to each sample?	3500-Cr B 4 c				
12. Was sample pH adjusted to 2.0 ± 0.5 with 0.2 N H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> ?	3500-Cr B 4 c				
13. Was 2.0 mL diphenylcarbazide solution added to 100-mL sample?	3500-Cr B 4 c				
14. Were samples allowed to stand 5 to 10 minutes for full color development prior to reading?	3500-Cr B 4 c				
15. Were sample absorbances corrected by subtraction of a blank carried through the method?	3500-Cr B 4 c				
16. If solutions were turbid prior to addition of diphenylcarbazide, were absorbances readings taken before adding diphenylcarbazide and the readings subtracted from the readings of final colored solution?	3500-Cr B 4 c				

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